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1. Three Rumanian warships were anchored about two miles from Constanta harbor and a fourth warship was anchored inside the harbor. All four were of the same size and each had three funnels. The crew of the warship in the harbor was observed in formation; 150 men were counted.

2. The following merchant vessels were in Constanta Harbor

- a. A freighter, registry unknown, unloaded hides Unloading took four hours. The hides and a large crate (sic) were loaded directly onto freight cars alongside the vessel. The freight cars were part of a fifteen car train which was guarded by two officers, four non-commissioned officers, and about thirty men.

- b. A freighter 4,000 tons, unloaded a cargo of timber.<sup>1</sup>

- c. The SS OCTOMVRIE ROSU, Rumanian registry, unloaded a cargo of wheat.

- d. A freighter, Soviet registry, 15,000 tons, unloaded wheat.

- e. A freighter, Soviet registry, 5,000 tons, unloaded coal.

- f. Four lighters loaded with marine diesel fuel.

3. On the right hand side, when entering the harbor, there was docking space for three large vessels to pull alongside the quay. At this point there is a warehouse about 35 meters long. On the left hand side of the harbor entrance, four vessels can be berthed. Ships loading or unloading cereals usually are berthed on this side because the grain elevators are located here. There are a large number of water hydrants along the quay for replenishing the ship with water. There are three cranes on the pier, and several warehouses, one 150 meters long. Railroad spurs parallel the quay some 20 meters away from the water. A shipyard inside the harbor was repairing a 3,000 ton steamer.

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4. A security check of one vessel was made by three officers, each with three stars on his epaulets. The officers were accompanied by two persons in civilian clothes, one of whom had an armband with a star on it; the other wore a military cap. The crew, warned beforehand to declare their tobacco and cigarettes, were assembled in the captain's cabin. Only the wireless operator accompanied the security men on their tour through the ship. One seaman had 16 boxes of English cigarettes, two pairs of ladies stockings, and two necklaces in his luggage. All of the items were confiscated and the seaman was fined 340 lei.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Probably loaded not unloaded timber, since Rumania is a large timber exporter.

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